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SECDEF VISIT TO PAKISTAN

Additional Talking Paper

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with President Zia ul-Haq.

Background. President Zia made a State visit to Washington in 1982, and you met with him during your October 1983 trip. Since that visit Zia has ended martial law in Pakistan and [REDACTED] a civilian Prime Minister, Mohammed Khan Junejo, to begin a transition from martial law to full national elections in 1990.

[REDACTED]

Past practice with high-level visitors shows that Zia prefers to invite you and a small number of aides to a private session on one of the evenings you are in Islamabad, then adjourn to a full dinner.

[REDACTED] most interested in hearing your impressions of your visits to China and India, and [REDACTED] discuss a variety of issues, to include:

- Pakistan's continued support for the Afghan resistance;
- [REDACTED] of current Indo-Pak relations;
- [REDACTED] likely developments in Muslim political events in the Middle East, to include [REDACTED] the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Iran-Iraq War;
- [REDACTED] Pakistan's security assistance needs and military capabilities, including nuclear development, through the next several years; and
- [REDACTED] on the evolution of democratic rule in Pakistan, to include challenges from [REDACTED] opposition leaders.

Suggested Talking Points.

CHINA/INDIA. (Tabs N-2 and N-3)

- Summarize as desired your visits to Beijing and New Delhi.
- Apprise [REDACTED] conversations [REDACTED] regarding Indo-Pakistani relations, especially any [REDACTED] on prospects for improved relations.

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- Note our strong commitment to supporting better Indo-Pakistani relations as the key to regional stability.
 - In that vein, seek [REDACTED] the current situation along the common border with India, to include fighting [REDACTED] and the preparedness of [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

AFGHANISTAN. (Tabs P, P-1 through P-3)

[REDACTED]

- Remind [REDACTED] support for Pakistan in its efforts to achieve a withdrawal of Soviet troops consistent with U.N. resolutions, and a political settlement in Afghanistan that is fair to the majority of Afghans and acceptable to Pakistan. Express appreciation for Pakistan's extremely humane treatment of the world's largest refugee population.
- Seek [REDACTED] of the fighting capabilities of the Afghan Mujahadin, and [REDACTED] effectiveness of current [REDACTED] support. Ask if [REDACTED]

he is satisfied [REDACTED]
or if he has any recommendations in this regard.

- Ask [REDACTED] on Soviet tactical, strategic, and diplomatic flexibility over the next few years.
- Emphasize [REDACTED] Soviet rhetoric on Afghanistan, absent convincing demonstrations on the battlefield. Specifically, the recent Gorbachev statement announcing a token troop withdrawal, of units and in numbers that are insignificant in present Soviet combat calculations.
- [REDACTED] If there are stepped up Soviet provocations inside Pakistan, to include far more destructive attacks than any to date, or a growing public opposition movement to the current policy on Afghanistan.

DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUES (Tabs S and T)

- [REDACTED] note the unfortunate violence in the wake of banned political activity on August 14. [REDACTED] bringing a swift end to the sporadic and often opportunistic outbreaks of anti-government violence and rioting.
- [REDACTED] of likely prospects [REDACTED] in re-invigorating a sensible opposition movement, both [REDACTED] Pakistan People's Party and the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy.
- Elicit [REDACTED] circumstances under which [REDACTED] the government hold full elections before [REDACTED]

IRAN-IRAQ WAR (Tab N-4)

- [REDACTED] assessment of the current tactical situation and the likely developments in the coming months.
- Solicit [REDACTED] initiatives or ideas that might be considered to break the diplomatic impasse in ending the fighting.

MIDDLE EAST (Tab N-5)

- [REDACTED], express our continuing appreciation for Pakistan's role in moderating Muslim extremist views over the Middle East. [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] the prospects for any improvement in Pakistani-Israeli relations [REDACTED] in any attempt to improve relations.